



15 October 2024

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Dear [Redacted]

Official Information Act request for a list of DPMC briefings submitted to the Prime Minister during September 2024

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request received on 1 October 2024. You requested:

“Under the Official Information Act, please supply a list of all formal briefings sent to the Prime Minister by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet between 1-30 September 2024.”

We have understood your request to be for a list of formal briefing documents (for example briefings, reports, briefings, memoranda, aides mémoire) from the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC) to the Prime Minister between 1 September and 30 September 2024, inclusive.

Titles released

Please find below a table listing the dates and titles, where these can be released, of briefings from DPMC to the Prime Minister within the timeframe.

Date	Title
4/09/2024	<i>Jointly with the Minister for Emergency Management and Recovery:</i> North Island Weather Events: Progress Update on Categorisation and Buyouts, and Sediment Removal.
5/09/2024	Update on North Island Weather Events (NIWE) recovery activities in Te Tairāwhiti.
5/09/2024	2024 National Risks Public Survey: Summary.
5/09/2024	Disestablishing Hon Judith Collins KC's Role as Lead Coordination Minister for the Government's Response to the Royal Commission's Report into the Terrorist Attack on the Christchurch Mosques.
6/09/2024	Cabinet Talking Points: 9 September.
6/09/2024	Prime Minister's Weekly Brief.
12/09/2024	<i>Jointly with the Minister for Emergency Management and Recovery:</i> North Island Weather Events: Progress Update on Categorisation, Buyouts, and Sediment Removal.
16/09/2024	Government Target Quarterly Report Summary for June 2024.
17/09/2024	Governor-General's travel to Niue for Constitution Day.
18/09/2024	<i>Jointly with the Minister for Emergency Management and Recovery:</i>

Date	Title
	North Island Weather Events: Weekly Progress Update on Categorisation and Buyouts, Sediment and Debris.
20/09/2024	Prime Minister's Weekly Brief.
20/09/2024	Meeting with The King's Trust Aotearoa New Zealand.
20/09/2024	Nominations for the New Zealand Antarctic Medal.
23/09/2024	Paper for ECO: Strengthening national and regional emergency management to improve New Zealand's disaster resilience.
26/09/2024	Prime Minister's Weekly Brief.
26/09/2024	<i>Jointly with the Minister for Emergency Management and Recovery:</i> North Island Weather Events: Monthly Progress Update on Categorisation, Buyouts, Infrastructure and Local Transport Projects.
27/09/2024	Quarterly Plan Q3 – Closeout Notes.

Titles withheld

The titles of six briefings to the Prime Minister from DPMC over September 2024 reflect matters under active consideration and have been withheld in full under the following sections of the Act:

- section 9(2)(f)(iv), to maintain the confidentiality of advice tendered by or to Ministers and officials.
- section 9(2)(g)(i), to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinion.

In addition, there were ten assessment reports from DPMC officials to the Prime Minister on national security matters over the time period. The titles and other details of these reports are withheld under section 6(a) of the Act, to protect the security or defence of New Zealand or the international relations of New Zealand.

Also identified as relevant to your request are some briefings provided by DPMC's Policy Advisory Group to the Prime Minister. These briefings are provided to the Prime Minister in confidence to support him in his role as leader of the Government and chair of Cabinet. These briefings are withheld in their entirety under the following sections of the Act:

- section 6(a), to protect the security or defence of New Zealand or the international relations of New Zealand.
- section 9(2)(f)(ii), to maintain collective and individual ministerial responsibility.
- section 9(2)(f)(iv), to maintain the confidentiality of advice tendered by or to Ministers and officials.
- section 9(2)(g)(i), to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinion.
- section 9(2)(h), to maintain legal professional privilege.

Where section 9 of the Act applies, in making my decision, I have considered the public interest considerations in section 9(1) of the Act. No public interest has been identified that would be sufficient to outweigh the reasons for withholding that information.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision under section 28(3) of the Act.

This response will be published on DPMC’s website during our regular publication cycle. Typically, information is released monthly, or as otherwise determined. Your personal information including name and contact details will be removed for publication.

Yours sincerely



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